

# MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

## Summer BioBlitz Fellowship 2026

### W.K. Kellogg Biological Station, Michigan State University

**Date Posted:** January, 2026

**Site:** W.K. Kellogg Biological Station, Hickory Corners, MI 49060

**Positions:** One (20 hours/week)

**Fellowship Dates:** May 11 – August 14, 2026

**Application Timeline:** February 2, 2026

### Fellowship Overview

The KBS BioBlitz offers an opportunity to engage the public in community-based biodiversity research through hands-on field experiences. The BioBlitz Project Fellow will support the planning and implementation of this community science event while developing skills in scientific coordination, data management, and public engagement.

### Responsibilities

- Plan and coordinate the BioBlitz event on **Saturday, June 13, 2026** (rain date: **June 20, 2026**)
- Support outreach and communication with undergraduate students, volunteers, and field leaders
- Train participants to use **iNaturalist** and manage post-event data curation
- Lead and support **specimen-based insect identification** in collaboration with the KBS community
- Facilitate participant engagement during training sessions and field activities
- Evaluate collected data and contribute to a written summary of outcomes



### W.K. Kellogg Biological Station

#### Community Relations

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Communications: 269-671-  
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Development: 269-671-2444

Outreach: 269-671-2360

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### Minimum Required Qualifications

- Enrollment as an MSU graduate student pursuing a master's or Ph.D.
- Strong attention to detail and demonstrated ability to work collaboratively as part of a team
- Effective interpersonal and written communication skills
- Working knowledge of iNaturalist, or interest in developing proficiency with the platform

### Compensation

Fellows will receive a **\$9,000 payment** at the start of the term to cover tuition, stipend, and health insurance. The successful applicant must enroll in at least one credit hour. Fellowship funds will be deposited directly into the applicant's student account.

The fellowship is considered taxable income and will be reported on **Form 1098-T**. No taxes will be withheld.

Additional tax information is available at: <https://controller.msu.edu/student-accounts/1098-t>

### **Time Commitment and Expectations**

This fellowship requires on-site work and availability for meetings and program setup before and after the event. The fellowship term runs from **May 11 to August 14, 2026, and is a full-time appointment at 20 hours per week.**

### **How to Apply**

Please submit **one PDF file** that includes:

- 1. Cover letter**
  - Describe your interest in the fellowship
  - Highlight relevant skills or experience
  - Share your experience or interest in environmental education and outreach
- 2. Curriculum vitae (CV)**
- 3. List three references**

Name your file: **LastName\_KBS\_BioBlitzFellowship.pdf**

Email your application to Misty Klotz, Education and Outreach Coordinator at [klotzmis@msu.edu](mailto:klotzmis@msu.edu).

### **About the W.K. Kellogg Biological Station**

As Michigan State University's largest off-campus educational complex, KBS has put its land-grant values into practice for nearly a century, providing the public with examples of science's crucial role in sustaining natural and managed communities. KBS students and faculty work to understand and solve real-world environmental challenges for a better tomorrow.

Learn more, visit [kbs.msu.edu](http://kbs.msu.edu).

### **For More Information Contact:**

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